## **CLAIMS**

1. A computer implemented method for rearranging a computer program comprising:

organizing the computer program into a plurality of blocks;

determining a critical section of the computer program;

constructing a dependency graph based on the organization of the computer program;

recognizing a portion of the computer program that could be executed outside of the critical section; and

inserting a plurality of dependency relationships between the plurality of blocks to cause execution of the recognized portion of the computer program outside of the critical section.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein a block includes a computer program instruction.
- 3. The method of claim 1 further comprises organizing the computer program based on a node and a super block, wherein the node includes a plurality of blocks and the super block includes a plurality of nodes.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the critical section of the computer program accesses shared resources.
- 5. The method of claim 1 further comprises comprising determining to the extent the critical section is part of the dependency graph.
- 6. The method of claim 5 further comprises comprising adding a termination point to the critical section if a portion of the critical section is outside of the dependency graph.

- 7. The method of claim 1 further comprises comprising inserting additional dependency relationship based on a direct dependency, an indirect dependency, or a shortest life-time dependency.
- 8. The method of claim 1 further comprises comprising scheduling to execute the computer program based on the dependency graph.
- 9. A computer implemented system for rearranging a computer program comprising:
- a computer program organizer, wherein the organizer organizes the computer program into a plurality of blocks;
  - a critical section determination module;
- a dependency graph construction module, wherein a dependency graph is constructed based on the organization of the computer program; and
- a dependency relationships inserter, wherein the dependency relationship is inserted between the plurality of blocks to cause execution of the recognized portion of the computer program outside of a critical section.
- 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the critical section determination module determines to the extent the critical section is part of the dependency graph.
- 11. The system of claim 9, wherein the critical section of the computer program accesses shared resources.
- 12. The system of claim 11, wherein the dependency relationships inserter inserts a termination point to the critical section if a portion of the critical section is outside of the dependency graph.
- A system for processing a plurality of network packets comprising:
  a network processor;
- a network interface to control the transmission between the network processor and a network;
  - a shared resource accessible to the plurality of network packets;
  - a network processor program to process the plurality of network packets;

a dependency graph constructor to construct a dependency graph based on the network processor program; and

a dependency relationship inserter to optimize the network processor program by inserting a plurality of dependency relationships to rearrange the order in which the network processor program is executed.

- 14. The system in claim 13, wherein the dependency graph constructor further determines a critical section and to the extent a critical section is part of the dependency graph.
- 15. The system in claim 13, wherein the dependency relationship inserter module inserts additional dependency relationships based on a direct dependency, an indirect dependency, or a shortest life-time dependency.
- 16. A machine-accessible medium that provides instructions that, when executed by a processor, causes the processor to:

organize a computer program based on a plurality of blocks;

determine a critical section of the computer program;

construct a dependency graph based on the organization of the computer program;

recognize a portion of the computer program that could be executed outside of the critical section; and

insert a plurality of dependency relationships between the plurality of blocks to cause execution of the recognized portion of the computer program outside of the critical section.

- 17. The machine readable medium of method 16, wherein the critical section of the computer program accesses shared resources.
- 18. The machine readable medium of method 16 further comprises inserting a termination point to the critical section if a portion of the critical section is outside of the computer program.

19. The machine readable medium of method 16 further comprises inserting dependency relationships based on a direct dependency, an indirect dependency, or a shortest life-time dependency.